



COLLIN COUNTY

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TO: Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Health Care Administrator

DATE: July 21, 2015

RE: Ratification of Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Branch (EAIDB)—New Funding Application

Attached is the FY2015-2017 Application for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) EAIDB Funding for the two-year grant period 9/1/2015-8/31/2017 in the amount of \$137,331. Due to the grant application deadline being 7/20/2015, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs ratification. The purpose of the EAIDB funding is to support local health departments by enhancing their epidemiological capacity in infectious disease preparedness and response. The funding is intended to be used towards the salary and fringe benefits of a Full Time Epidemiologist. There are over 80 diseases mandated by the laws of our state that must be reported to local health departments. Collin County is required to take action on these reports by performing disease investigations on individual cases as well as disease outbreaks. Due to the focus on the ability of health departments to respond to infectious diseases in recent months, the 84th Legislature has allocated funding so that local health departments can respond to the ever increasing public health needs of the community. By applying for and receiving EAIDB funding, Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) is fortifying our capacity to monitor and respond to infectious diseases in Collin County.